

EBERT DEMANDS REVOLT CHIEFS' SURRENDER

MAN WHO FLEECED R. C. JORDAN CONVICTED BY CALIFORNIA COURT

F. B. MOORE SENT TO ST.
QUENTIN FOR FOUR
YEARS TERM

WROTE BAD CHECKS

WARRANTS FOR ARREST ARE RE-
TURNED TO OTTAWA WITH
STATEMENT ANNOUNCING CON-
VICTION OF CONFIDENCE MAN
—PAL OUT ON BONDS.

Assurances that F. B. Moore, alias Charles V. Zernack, who fleeced R. C. Jordan out of \$50 and J. B. Hamel of the firm of Castendyk-Hamel, La Salle, of \$200 by means of fake checks drawn on Fairbanks-Morse company of Chicago, is in a place where he will operate no more confidence games, were received by Sheriff John C. Cline of Los Angeles, Cal., in a letter to the Ottawa official Sheriff Cline informs him that Moore, or Zernack, was convicted Oct. 25, 1919, of forgery and sent from Los Angeles to St. Quentin prison to serve a four years' term.

Moore was arrested in the western metropolis after he had left a trail of bad checks from Chicago to the coast. In his confession he implicated W. P. Sterling, who, he says, was mixed up with him in the deal pulled off on Mr. Jordan. Sterling, he said, served as an accomplice and was employed to represent an official of the Fairbanks-Morse company when the telephone was used to authenticate checks presented by the operator for cashing.

Sterling was arrested in Chicago and brought to Ottawa. The day before Christmas he was released on bonds furnished by his mother, and since that time has been at large. He has been indicted by the grand jury. His trial is soon to be disposed of.

NO OPPOSITION AT PHONE RATE HEARING

No one appeared in opposition to the proposed toll rate increase between Marseilles and Ottawa at the hearing before the public utility commission today. A telegram from the Free Trader-Journal's special representative in Springfield this afternoon announced that the hearing was held before Commissioner George P. Ramsey this morning. It stated that President A. R. Workman of the Marseilles Telephone company appeared for the company, but that no one appeared in opposition.

The hearing was on a petition of the telephone company to increase its rates to Ottawa from 5 to 10 cents. The request for higher rates was filed several months ago and passed favorably by the commission. The company was granted the privilege of raising its rates, but after a few weeks the case was reopened.

LAST RITES ARE SAID FOR MRS. POUNDSTONE

The funeral of the late Mrs. C. B. Poundstone of Grand Ridge, who died Sunday morning at her home after a brief illness, were held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the home of the deceased and at 2 o'clock from the Grand Ridge M. E. church. Interment was made at the Grand Ridge cemetery.

WELL KNOWN COUPLE PLAN CHURCH WEDDING

Miss Pearl Vredenburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Vredenburg, who reside north of the city on the Dayton road, and Clyde Barley, a well known Marseilles young man, will be united in marriage tomorrow at the First Methodist church in this city. Both the bride and groom have many friends in Ottawa.

COURT REFUSES TO HOLD FARMER SUED ON STATE WARRANT

JUDGE KOENIG RULES STABLE-
MAN TOOK WRONG TACK TO
COLLECT CIVIL DEBT—CASE
GREW OUT OF FEED BILL FOR
HERD OF HORSES.

On the grounds that the complaining witness was using criminal process of law to force payment of a claim, which should have been sued for on the civil side of the docket, Justice of the Peace George Koenig yesterday afternoon dismissed a charge brought by Edward McCormick, Madison street feed stable owner, against J. D. Sullivan, a Marseilles farmer for \$125.50. The criminal prosecution was prompted by Mr. Sullivan's stopping payment of a check for the above amount after it had been tendered Mr. McCormick in payment for stabling twenty-six head of horses belonging to Sullivan from March 5 to the afternoon of March 8. The amount of the claim, which Mr. Sullivan held to be excessive, forced him, he said, to stop payment on the check after he had authorized an employee to fill out, as his agent a blank slip which had been previously signed by him. When payment was refused on the check McCormick secured a state warrant for Sullivan and for Fred Haise, one of his employees.

Testimony given at the hearing tended to show that Mr. Sullivan had made preparations for holding a horse sale at the McCormick barn on Saturday, March 6, Friday, March 5, he shipped in twenty-six head of horses to be auctioned at the sale. At the time of the sale seven of these were sold and immediately taken away, while the other nineteen remained in the barn until Monday morning. On Monday, March 8, McCormick faxed a bill, which seemed to mainly satisfy himself and gave it to Everett Bequin, who was working for him at the time, to serve to Mr. Haise, who was acting as agent for Sullivan.

Sullivan left a blank check and Haise was supposed to fill it out when all his horses were removed from the barn. The bill amounted to \$125.50 as a total for stabling the animals. Haise wrote the check and notified Sullivan. A short time after Sullivan called McCormick over the long distance and told him he could not cash the check as he had stopped payment on it.

At McCormick's place had Sullivan and Haise placed under arrest and took the case before Judge Koenig. Attorney H. M. Kelly represented Sullivan while States Attorney George W. White represented McCormick. The case was called at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. McCormick was the first to take the stand. Mr. Kelly asked him if he had made a proposition with Haise to charge \$1 per day for feeding each animal. This he emphatically denied stating that it was agreed that he should be paid \$1 per day and 50 cents each night for stabling the horses.

Everett Bequin and his brother Claudius Bequin, who are both employed by Mr. McCormick, were his only witnesses.

Fred Haise was the next to take the stand and stated that in all the dealings at the barn he never saw Claudius Bequin and charged the deal with being a ruse to beat Sullivan out of some money. Sullivan and two Baker brothers, also employed by Mr. Sullivan, also took the stand and related what they knew about the case.

After hearing the evidence in regard to the suit, Justice Koenig ruled that the charge against Haise and Sullivan should be dismissed on the grounds that criminal action was being employed to force payment of a debt.

WAR BOARD CHANGES WATERWAY PLANS

(By the Associated Press.)
Springfield, March 16.—An amended plan for the construction of the Illinois waterway system has been received by Governor Lowden from Secretary of War Baker. The new permit is more satisfactory to state waterway officials than the original permit received last January.

BOTH PARTIES HOLD CONVENTIONS; G.O.P. PICK FULL TICKET

REPUBLICANS FORECAST VIC-
TORY AT TOWNSHIP ELECTION
AFTER NOMINATING COMPLETE
SLATE—DEMOCRATS RATIFY
DECISION OF SATURDAY'S PRI-
MARY

The Township Tickets for April 6 Election.
REPUBLICAN.
For Supervisor,
E. V. Yockey.
For Assistant Supervisor,
T. B. Matcain Sr.
For Town Clerk,
James O'Meara.
For Assessor,
Edward J. Curtis.
For Highway Commissioner,
Fred Heiser.
For Justice of the Peace,
Howard Stewart.
DEMOCRATIC.
For Supervisor,
Bernard J. Shanley.
For Assistant Supervisor,
E. P. Nitschelm.
For Town Clerk,
James Ahern.
For Assessor,
Charles V. Cullen.
For Highway Commissioner,
William Morgan.
For Justice of the Peace,
William Jackson.
INDEPENDENT.
For Commissioner of Highways,
Dan McGraw.

They're off!
With both major parties making out full tickets to represent them in the April 6 township election, candidates last night were sent away in the final heat of what gives promise of being one of the hottest and most hotly contested political battles ever staged in Ottawa.

Delegates to Republican and Democratic conventions met in the court house during the early hours of last evening to make preparations for the final skirmish which is hoped to bring them victory at the polls when the voters are called upon to select from the list of candidates those men who will represent them in town office during the next two years.

The Republican convention was held in the County Court room, while the Democrats gathered downstairs in the supervisors' legislative chamber. Neither meeting was opened by elected officials, but both brought forth big enough turnouts to permit completion of the night's business without any hitch.

The Democratic convention, being only a matter of form to conform with the election laws, was called mostly for the purpose of ratifying the selections of Saturday's primary contest. John M. O'Kane presided as chairman and Patrick J. Mahoney was elected secretary of the convention. The nominations were made by acclaim. The sessions was continued and adjourned within a few minutes' time.

Republicans Pick Slate.
Up in the County Court room, while the Democrats were carrying on their prescribed formula, the Republicans, with every precinct represented with a full quota of delegates, a very cheerful powwow was in progress, with optimism reigning supreme over the prospects of success at the election April 6. The candidates were cheered with speeches encouraging them to buck up on their swells and get out to muster a big vote, through which they are assured of election.

The chairmanship of the meeting was given to Judge R. D. Mills with out opposition, his name being placed in nomination by Judge W. H. Hinebaugh. Clint Harry Kelly was made the unanimous choice of the meeting for secretary. After going through the process of changing over the "temporary" organization, reading of credenials, etc., the organization was perfected up on a "permanent" basis and nominations were in order. They followed the formal presentation of names for a carefully selected slate.

John W. Yockey nominated E. V. Yockey. He ended George O'Hara's flounder with a patriotic speech which smacked of apple blinding, and while the eagle didn't scream the audience could hear him breathe heavily, while his wings flapped. The speech of nomination evoked long applause. The candidate whose sterling qualities were so enthusiastically lauded responded with an acceptance characteristic of the recipient of such honors. He thrilled the convention with a stirring address of fealty to party principles and loyalty.

Indianapolis, March 16.—Charles E. Sheridan, of Syracuse, N. Y., today resigned as head of the service division of the American Legion.

Legion Officer Quits.

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He's Been Sitting Altogether Too Long in the Same Spot.

FOURTH DISTRICT NURSES WILL HOLD MEETING TOMORROW IN OTTAWA

GROUP OF R. N. S. TO HEAR AD-
DRESS BY HEAD OF COUNTY T.
B. SOCIETY—MISS PAYNE TO
PRESIDE AT GATHERING.

Registered nurses of the fourth district will gather at Hyacinth hospital, this city, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock for their annual session. The district is comprised of six counties around La Salle county, and it is expected a goodly number of the "angels of the sick" will be in attendance.

COLORADO WOMEN IN NEIGHBORHOOD TILT; ARRESTS ORDERED

SOUTH SIDE RESIDENTS TAN-
GLED UP IN J. P. HEARING—DE-
FENDANT ACCUSED OF USING
VILE LANGUAGE BEFORE COM-
PLAINING WITNESS.

Women will figure in a case to be heard before Justice of the Peace Koenig tonight, when Mrs. Carrie Geary Thompson, colored, of South Ottawa, is scheduled to appear in court on a charge of disorderly conduct and use of vile language. Mrs. Danforth, the complaining witness, appeared before Justice Koenig yesterday afternoon and secured the warrants for arrest of the accused. Mrs. Daniels is also colored and resides a short distance from the Thompson home.

Police Captain Sheehan started out last evening between 6 and 7 o'clock to serve the warrant, and upon his arrival at the Thompson home he was refused admission. Mrs. Thompson called her husband, who was at work, to the phone and asked him to come home. The officer waited on the porch outside, determined to serve the warrant before returning to town. Thompson arrived home and the door was then opened for the officer.

The Thompson family lives between Third and Fourth avenues, and Mrs. Daniels resides on Third avenue. Mrs. Daniels in the warrant alleged that vile and profane language was used by the defendant toward the complainant.

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One of the important features of the meeting will be a talk by Miss Elsie Duane of La Salle, who was instrumental in forming the La Salle County Tuberculosis society last week. Miss Duane will speak on the county sanitarium and of the work the organization hopes to undertake in an effort to get the nurses to cooperate with the association.

The meeting will be presided over by Miss Blanche Payne of this city, president of the organization. A business session of importance will be held and the annual election of officers will take place. The conference will close before the dinner hour.

WOOD RUNS FIRST IN MINN. PRIMARY

St. Paul, Minn., March 16.—Minnesota's republican preference primary held last night gave Major General Leonard Wood a plurality of several thousand votes over Senator Hilary Johnson, of California, on the face of available returns. Herbert Hoover, not an avowed candidate, received such strong support in the Twin Cities that returns from about 50 precincts showed him leading Gov. Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, who was used to put Hoover's name on ballots in most counties.

Latest available totals show the following vote:

Wood, 12,627; Johnson, 8,517; Hoover, 4,486 and Lowden 3,249.

This total includes a majority of the precincts of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

MANY AT SERVICES FOR HELEN DWYER

The funeral services of the late Helen Dwyer, twelve year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Dwyer of 1519 North Columbus street, who died Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock as the result of an attack of influenza, was held this morning at 9 o'clock at St. Columba's church. The obsequies were attended by scores of relatives and friends of the girl, who will long remember her lovable and sweet disposition. The remains were buried in the Ottawa avenue cemetery.

The pallbearers were William O'Kane, Edward Dougherty, James Colgan, Max Franklin, Robert Eden and Thomas Welsh.

POSTPONE FUNERAL OF WEST SIDE GIRL

The funeral service of Miss Lillian Marseilles will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blachoff, 1224 Phelps street. Arrangements were made for holding the service today, but as some of the relatives were unable to reach Ottawa in time it was postponed twenty-four hours.

GERMANY ON VERGE OF CIVIL WAR; RIOT IN MANY BIG CITIES

(By the Associated Press.)

Germany's two governments, the new Berlin and the old in Stuttgart, are still locked in a struggle for supremacy. While reports through Paris today

reiterate that negotiations are in progress for a compromise, the Ebert government in Stuttgart is equally positive that no compromise can be considered.

On the face of the announcement by the rival governments today promised to witness the beginning of a determined contest for control.

Chancellor Kapp, backed by the bayonets of the troops that made it possible for him to oust the Ebert government is sitting tight in the German capital, but already feels the effects of the strong weapon the socialists have used to combat him—the general strike. Against this he declares that most drastic measures will be taken immediately. In Stuttgart, President Ebert and his followers not only denied the report current yesterday that an agreement had been reached with the Kapp forces but declared there could be no negotiations except on the basis of unconditional surrender by Dr. Kapp.

The national assembly, called together by the Ebert government, will meet at Stuttgart tomorrow to consider the situation.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, who has been mentioned as the choice of the Kapp faction for the German presidency, has eliminated himself from the situation, it is stated by Hanover newspapers. He is reported to have made a public declaration that he is not connected with the Kapp revolution and, on the contrary, disapproves of it.

Berlin is in the grip of a general strike caused by socialist and labor leaders as a counter stroke to the assumption of power by the government headed by Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, who has issued a decree threatening all strike leaders and pickets with death if there is interference with vital public services. Extreme measures will be taken under the decree from 4 o'clock this afternoon, and it is possible the crisis of the new revolution will quickly follow.

Details of the situation throughout Germany are somewhat obscure, but there seems to be reason to believe the Ebert government is still holding control in the southern and western sections while the Kapp regime is rather firmly entrenched in northeastern Prussia and in Silesia, where many towns and cities are reported to have declared their adherence to the new government.

Fighting is reported at various points throughout Germany, and it is said there was bloodshed in suburbs of Berlin yesterday, but it could seem the clashes so far reported have been between militia units and disorderly crowds.

So far as known armed forces of the two governments have not come into collision.

Clamp Lid on News.

Copenhagen, March 16.—Direct telegraphic communication with Dresden was opened today and was evidently arranged to facilitate the circulation of news concerning the Ebert government in dependent of the Berlin authorities.

Gustav Noske, minister of defense in the old government, has issued a decree forbidding the circulation of proclamations issued by Berlin authorities in territory outside the city.

Kaiser's Statue Painted Red.
Berlin, March 16.—A general strike was issued today. Streets were closed and several thousand persons paraded the streets. Crowds gathered in the center of the city to watch or take part in the demonstrations. The equestrian statue of Emperor William I, which stands in a conspicuous spot, was painted red.

Deny Pact Agreed To.
Copenhagen, March 16.—Reports of negotiations for a compromise between the Ebert government and the reactionary regime at Berlin are untrue, according to the Social Democrats. It was said those rumors were spread by adherents of Dr. Wolfgang Kapp to deceive the public.

To Use Death Penalty.
Berlin, March 16.—Men who act as leaders or pickets in the general strike called in this city as a protest against the reactionary revolt are threatened with the death penalty in a proclamation issued today by Dr. Kapp.

Rules at New Capital.
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